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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Takehiro YATOMI Conf.: 1332  
Appl. No.: 09/701,486 Group: 1648  
Filed: November 29, 2000 Examiner: Z. Lucas  
For: PREVENTIVES/REMEDIES FOR AUTOIMMUNE  
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December 31, 2002

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action issued October 1, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim.

1. (Twice Amended) A method for treating autoimmune demyelinating diseases which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a Fas antagonist, which is a substance that inhibits Fas-Fas ligand binding and suppresses apoptosis.